

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

DATE : 0855Z 27 OCT 58

SECRET

ROUTING			
1	ops	4	WB
2	ICC	5	Admin
3	PMB	6	Q1

DD/P

25X1A  
TO : DIRECTOR  
FROM :   
ACTION: SAPD/DCI (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8)  
INFO : S/C (9)  
FQ  
TOR: 0855Z 27 OCT 58

*act*  
*off*  
*B*

ROUTINE

IN-49293

25X1A

25X1A TO:  INFO:   
25X1A  RYBAT RYBAT  
25X1A REF:  (OUT-85649)

1. FULLY AWARE SERIOUS NATURE ANY ROUTE DEVIATIONS AND PLAN TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO PREVENT RECURRENCE 6023 INCIDENT.

25X1A 2.  OPINION 6023 INCIDENT WAS NOT CAUSED DIRECTLY BY ANY ONE FACTOR BUT RATHER WAS THE RESULT OF SEVERAL FACTORS WHICH STEM POSSIBLY FROM AN ATTITUDE OF OVERCONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO NAVIGATE BY DR. TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS  HAD NO VISUAL REFERENCE TO GROUND AFTER <sup>TAKE</sup> OFF WHICH WAS MADE IN POOR CEILING AND VISIBILITY. POSITIVE RADIO FIXES WERE NOT MADE AS BEACONS WERE USED TO INDICATE STATION PASSAGE ONLY. CELESTIAL HEADING CHECKS WERE NOT USED INBOUND TO POINT "A". COMPLETE GROUND COMPASS SWING THIS DATE INDICATED A 2 1/2 DEGREE COMPASS WAS IN DIRECTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE ERROR ENCOUNTERED. FEEL

25X1A  FLEW LEFT OF COURSE ON INITIAL LEG BECAUSE OF COMPASS ERROR AND POSSIBLE STRONG WINDS DURING CLIMBOUT. STATION PASSAGE OF RBN AT KAGOSHIMA WITHIN 1 MINUTE OF FLIGHT PLAN. AS

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TURNED POINT "A" AT CORRECT TIME ACCORDING TO FLIGHT PLAN FEEL [REDACTED]  
DRIFTED TO LEFT AND COURSE WAS LOST DURING INITIAL LEG. REALIZE  
THIS INCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN AVERTED BY TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE  
RADIO AIDS AND CELESTIAL.

3. PLAN AIR SWING COMPASS 28 OCT 58, [REDACTED]

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END OF MESSAGE

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